

CLAIMS

1. A single use inhaler for administering medicament by inhalation, the inhaler comprising:

5 an inhalation channel (10,12) through which a user may inhale;

a container (18) for containing a dose of medicament; and

a release means (22) for releasing said dose into the said inhalation channel; wherein the inhaler further comprises:

at least one subsidiary container (20) for containing a subsidiary dose of medicament;

10 at least one respective subsidiary release means (24) for releasing said subsidiary dose into said inhalation channel; wherein

said release means (22) is independently operable of said at least one subsidiary release means (24) such that one or more of said dose and said subsidiary dose may be released into said inhalation channel at the same time and such that a variable dose is
15 provided.

2. An inhaler according to claim 1 wherein said container (18) and said at least one subsidiary container (20) are integral parts of the inhaler.

20 3. An inhaler according to claim 2 wherein said container (18) and said at least one subsidiary container (20) comprise depressions in at least one wall (12, 38, 50) of said inhalation channel and said release means (22) and said subsidiary release means (24) respectively comprise films sealing said depressions.

25 4. An inhaler according to claim 3 wherein said release means (22) and said subsidiary release means (24) comprise one or more elongate members attached to or integral with said films and with respective free ends which may be pulled by a user in order to remove the films from their respective depressions, thereby releasing the medicament contained in the respective depressions.

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10. A method of providing a variable quantity of substance in a channel comprising;
opening a first container containing said substance and dispensing said substance in
said channel;

selectively opening a second container containing said substance according to the total
s quantity of substance required and dispensing said substance in said channel.

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